

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their claims by canceling the claims listed as Group II claims on page 2 of the Office Action mailed May 9, 2006; that is, by canceling claims 13-15 and 32-40. These claims 13-15 and 32-40 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and in particular without prejudice to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof.

The restriction requirement set forth on page 2 of the Office Action mailed May 9, 2006, is noted. In view of present canceling of the Group II claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is moot.

In any event, in order to provide a complete response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims, that is, claims 1-12 and 16-31.

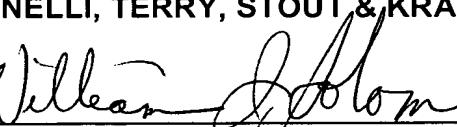
Examination of claims 1-12 and 16-31 on the merits in the above-identified application, in due course, is respectfully requested.

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Applicants request any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 1204.45675X00), and credit any excess payment of fees to such Deposit Account.

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